

# BROOKLYN MAY NOT GET ANOTHER TEAM, AFTER ALL

Lively Row at International Meeting Over Circuit Changes.

## EBBETS WANTS TO SELL NEWARK CLUB

Barrow Urges Cut in Playing Squad and Schedule for Coming Season.

By HEYWOOD BROWN.

The International League is of major calibre when it comes to squabbles, and its managers showed such ability to row at the opening of the league's annual meeting in the Hotel Imperial yesterday that the question of circuit changes was put in the hands of a committee. The men who will take up the reorganization problem are Joseph J. Lannin, owner of the Providence team; Charles H. Ebbets, the Newark mogul; C. T. Chapin, of Rochester; Jack Dunn, of Baltimore, and Edward G. Barrow, president of the International League.

Although a final decision is still pending, enough opposition has developed to make it highly improbable that any International League team will be placed in Brooklyn.

Mr. Barrow stated that the general opinion of the meeting was that the team at Ebbets Field would not be a paying proposition. This leaves Syracuse and Richmond as the leading candidates for the franchises of the Jersey City and Baltimore clubs.

## Two Cities Clamor for Teams.

Nicholas Valentine and George D. Meehan, representing the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, were on hand to boost their city, and came armed with plans of a new concrete, postless grandstand to house the crowds which will turn out if Syracuse gets an International League team.

W. S. Bradley came to push the claims of Richmond. The plan most favored is to allow the Syracuse interests to buy a half interest in the city holdings of Thomas A. Fogarty and William S. Devery, and to allow the Richmond men to get a like interest in the Baltimore club stock, held by Jack Dunn and C. H. Knapp. No date has been set for a decision by the committee on circuit changes.

There is a strong possibility that the Newark club may change hands. Charles H. Ebbets declared that he was satisfied the presidency of the Superbas gave him all the work he needed, and that if he could get his price he would be glad to sell Newark. Arthur Irwin, the demon scout of the Yankees, has been a proponent of Ebbets for the club, but the two men are believed to be a couple of hundred thousand dollars removed from an agreement on price. The price set by Mr. Ebbets for the club was the one named by Mr. Irwin.

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Then the league went into session and the fighting became general. One point of conflict was the plan to reduce the limit of players which a team may carry. Ebbets has recommended that the club owners be down to seventeen men. This would be a radical cut, as most of the teams carried twenty-five players through the greater part of last season. It is probable that either nineteen or twenty will be settled upon in compromise. The president of the league also ordered the strictest economy and retrenchment all along the line, and no one had any objection to that.

The playing season was also under discussion, and there was much sentiment in favor of a later start and an earlier closing. The recommendation of Barrow was 140 games, instead of 154, as in previous seasons.

## Criticism for Dunn.

Jack Dunn, who dismantled a pace-setting team in mid-season by selling his stars, received much criticism from fellow-owners, who declared that his policy had been detrimental to the league. Dunn maintained that no other course had been left open to him, on account of the poor support which had been awarded to his winning team.

The men at the meeting were S. E. Lichtenhelm, Montreal; J. J. McCaffrey, Toronto; Jacob J. Stein, Buffalo; C. T. Chapin, Rochester; J. Dunn and C. H. Knapp, Baltimore; Joseph J. Lannin, W. Donovan and Steve Flanagan, Providence; Thomas A. Fogarty and William S. Devery, Jersey City; Charles H. Ebbets and Henry Medius, Newark. The meeting will be resumed this morning.

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# WHEN JOHNSON LEAVES THE LEAGUE



## Their Sympathy Was Mutual

George Stallings, the former manager of the New York Yankees, and Walter Johnson, the pitcher of the Washington Senators, are believed to be in love.

## Doo in to Quit Phillies May Join the Tip Tops

When the umpire calls out the Tip Top batteries in the first game next season it is more than possible that his declaration will collect damages for the loss of Quinn, inasmuch as without him the team had won the greatest possible honors in the baseball world.

## BRAVES DROP SUIT OVER JACK QUINN

Baltimore, Dec. 7.—The Boston National League Baseball Club withdrew a suit for conspiracy in the case of Jack Quinn, the pitcher, in the United States District Court here to-day.

## Not Easy to Collect Damages from Feds After Winning Pennant.

The suit was for \$25,000 and was instituted against the Federal League, the Baltimore Federal League club, James A. Gilmore, Edward Hanlon, Otto Knabe and John Picus, which is the real name of Quinn.

## BENDER JOINS FEDS FOR TWO YEARS

Baltimore, Dec. 7.—"Chief" Albert Bender, former pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, has signed a two-year contract to play with the Baltimore Federal League club, it was officially announced here to-day.

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# M'VEA MEETS JIM JOHNSON TO-NIGHT

Interesting Bout Between Negro Heavyweights at Fairmont A. C.

## SAME SURE TO HAVE HIS HANDS FULL

Azevedo Complains Bitterly of Treatment in Chicago When He Met White.

Sam McVea, who for a number of years—seven, to be exact—has been boxing in Europe and Australia, is returning to the ropes arena in this country to-night. He will cross gloves with "Battling" Jim Johnson, the negro from the San Juan Hill district at the Fairmont Athletic Club, of the Bronx, in a ten-round bout. A fast and interesting match should result. McVea always has been rated by the critics as one of the most dangerous men in the ring. He has fought them all, from Johnson, Langford and Jettette right down the line. Johnson, too, has faced the three aforementioned "black destroyers," and has managed to hold his own with them.

McVea, so Billy Gibson maintains, is to box Jack Johnson some time this winter, somewhere in the Western Hemisphere. No one knows just when this contest will take place, and for care. It would seem, however, that McVea has by far more courage than discretion to risk a match with Johnson, when a defeat will cost him the chance to win the championship.

Johnson will undoubtedly make McVea fight hard, and it was his own fault that he was in the ring. A rough person, this West Side negro, with a terrific punch, prodigious strength and courage unlimited. He is a bit clumsy in his movements, but as a boxer he is well for all that. He proved that in his matches against Langford.

Joe Azevedo, the California lightweight, made the statement recently that any one in the world would be foolish to box Charley White in Chicago. "They can't see any one in the world but White," said Azevedo, "and you have to slaughter him to get a draw. When I boxed him there the sport was sent out that he made a chopping block of me. As a matter of fact, I held my own with him, and toward the end had him running away. He did land some clean blows, and I was marked up a little, but not to the degree that it was said I was. I would like nothing better than another chance at White, and will box him any place except in Chicago. Moreover, I will fight him over any distance."

Azevedo is one of the shiftest boxers in the ring, and it is said. He is company with several other California boys, is coming on after the holidays.

Leach Cross and Phil Bloom will meet in a ten-round bout at the Broadway Sporting Club, of Brooklyn, to-night. The boys met before, and the whole affair was a disappointment. Leach Cross was the victor, and was trained hard for the match, and will be surprised if he fails to win by a knockout.

Sammy Smith, the veteran Philadelphia lightweight, is serious about "coming back." He boxed like a champion against "Black" Russell on last Friday night, and is now howling defiance at the world at large.

Entries for the amateur boxing tournament of the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, will close to-morrow noon. The boys will take place on Saturday night, with the finals on Sunday evening. The open contests include the 108, 115, 125 and 135 pound classes. The prizes are a handsome and the cost of the winners will have something more than glory for their efforts. Entries may be sent to the club or to Benjamin Levine, Warren st.

## N. Y. U. FIVE LOSES A GAME

Law School Basketball Team Gets Varsity Contest.

The New York University Law School basketball team has caused considerable embarrassment to the real New York University five by scheduling games in the name of the New York University. Joe Curran, manager of the Violets five, found out inquiry at the Law School team thinking that it was the "Varsity five."

Because of this New York University has been unable to get a game at West Point. It was announced last day that faculty action had been taken in the matter. Hereafter, teams may wear the words, letters, class numerals, monograms, insignia or represent the university in any branch of athletics except with the authority of the athletic council.

Mandot and Kilbane in Draw. Akron, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, a lightweight, champion, and Kilbane, of Cleveland, champion, met to-night. The bout was a close one, and while there was no decision, the newspaper writers said the honors were even.

## FATIMAS smoked 4 to 1

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## SCORES AT ARCHERY

H. W. Bishop and Miss Williams Win Chief Prizes.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—H. W. Bishop, of Chicago, won the men's medal and Miss Mary Carver Williams, of Chicago, the women's prize in the Thanksgiving day archery tournament held throughout the country, the results of which were announced by President Walker of the National Archery Association here to-day.

The handicap was based on the contestants' previous highest scores made in 1914, and Bishop exceeded his mark by 52 points.

The draw for the first round of the English cup will take place in London on December 21 for the tie to be decided on January 9, the result of which is being looked forward to by thousands of soccer followers throughout England.

The cancellation of the international games caused a big disappointment, as thousands of loyal Scots always set aside the day of the game with England, which is quite the feature of the Scottish soccer season. To give some idea of the great interest in the representative game with England, last season's international, which resulted in a victory for Scotland by a score of 3 to 1, was played at Hampden Park, Glasgow, before a crowd of 130,000 persons.

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